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Dear Supervisor Fowler:

Thank you for returning my previous call, and I too am sorry that you had to miss the meeting with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick yesterday.

It was a pleasure meeting you on the phone today. While we all await more definitive information regarding the water quality of Lake Powell and any potential impact from the Gold King Mine release, there are several online links (below) which provide as up-to-date information as is available.

EPA is conducting sampling this weekend at the confluences of the San Juan River and Lake Powell, and though we will have to patiently wait a few days for the results, we anticipate learning more soon.

The links are as follows:

<http://www.deq.utah.gov/Topics/Water/goldkingmine/index.htm>

State of Utah Lifts Advisories for Utah Crop Irrigation and Livestock Watering (08/14/15)

SALT LAKE CITY -- The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) is lifting any advisories against using San Juan River water for crop irrigation and livestock watering. Based on the latest Utah Department of Environmental Quality evaluation of the San Juan River water sample data, Utah State University's veterinary toxicologist reports the river's highest levels of contamination posed no adverse affects on plants, soils and animals, only short-term and minimal exposure risks.

River water sampling shows that the majority of the mine contamination passed through San Juan County on Tuesday, August 11. The UDAF advises farmers and ranchers to remain cautious and report any changes in the health of their crops and livestock.

[Read more...](#)



<http://www.nps.gov/glca/learn/news/gold-king-mine-spill-update.htm>

And although you have been less than impressed with EPA's online information, it may be worthwhile to check it regularly for better and more up-to-date information.

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>

If I can provide further assistance, please let me know!

Best Regards, Bill